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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

May 25, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Applicant: Steven A. Benner
Title: Evolution-based Functional Genomics
Serial number: 09/640709
Filing date: August 18, 2000
Examiner: Michael Borin

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, the Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Examiner's action mailed November 27, 2002 be extended for three (3) months to and including May 27, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$465.00 for the required fee. This is a verified statement that the Applicant is a "small entity" as defined by the Code. Please deduct any additional charges, as appropriate, or apply any credits to the Deposit Account Number 02-2055 in the Applicant's name.

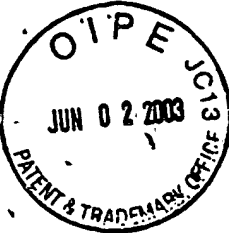
Respectfully submitted,


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FEE CALCULATION

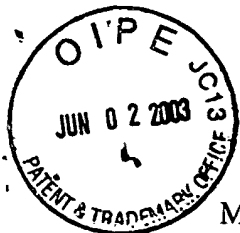
Independent Claims in Excess of Three
(total independent claims = 5, minus 3 - 2 @\$42.00 per excess claim) \$84.00

Please find enclosed a check drawn in the amount of \$84.00 to pay this fee.

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Steven A. Benner (Applicant)

This is a verified statement that the Applicant is a "small entity" as defined by 37 CFR 1.27. The Applicant is a holder of Deposit Account Number 02-2055 in the Applicant's name, and authorizes the Commissioner to debit any charges or credit any overpayment to this account as appropriate.

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to an Office Action mailed November 27, 2002, Paper 2 in the case.

Please find enclosed:

1. A Petition for Extension of Time
2. A check drawn in the amount of \$465.00 for the fee extension for response in the third month (fee code 1253/2253).
3. Amendment to the Specification, in the form of a replacement abstract, as requested in the Action.
4. The replacement abstract on a separate sheet of paper.
5. A response to the Action, including an amendment to the claims.
6. A fee calculation
7. A check drawn in the amount of \$84.00 to cover two independent claims in excess of three.

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